Increase in LPG price

†1032. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to raise the prices of gas cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for raising the prices of gas cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) As per the Government decisions of November, 1997 on the phased dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) subsidy on the domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) at 15% of the import parity is to be met from the fiscal budget effective 1.4.2002. At present no proposal is under consideration of the Government to raise the domestic LPG prices.

Decline in crude oil Price in international market

1033. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any decline in the price of crude oil in the international market after the World Trade Centre disaster in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to reduce the price of petroleum products considering the decline of the price of crude oil; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) After the World Trade Centre disaster in USA on

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September 11, 2001, price of brent crude oil first increased from the level of US$ 28.42 per barrel on 11th September to US$ 29.15 per barrel on 14th September. Thereafter, the price of brent crude oil decreased touching a minimum of US$ 16.54 per barrel on 15th November, 2001. The price of brent crude on 23.11.2001 was US$ 19.43 per barrel.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the price of controlled petroleum products. The decrease in the crude oil prices will have positive impact on the oil pool account.

LPG as auto fuel

1034. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to allow LPG as auto fuel;

(b) if so, by when such a Bill amending the Motor Vehicles Act would be placed before Parliament for its consideration;

(c) whether any consultation with the All India LPG Industries Association has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Association to this step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) The use of LPG as auto fuel has been legislated by the Parliament through the Motor Vehicles (Amendment), Act, 2000 *vide* Gazette Notification dated 14.8.2000. Further, Emission and Safety norms for LPG driven vehicles have been issued by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways *vide* Notification GSR No. 284(E), dated 24.4.2001.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001 has also been issued by Ministry of